

CHAP. IV.

*Joseph's Journey into Egypt, and his Circumstances
there, &c.*

WE left old Jacob in great distress, on account of the supposed death of his son. With an heart overcharged with grief, and eyes flowing with tears, he spent many a painful day and sleepless night.

Joseph the meanwhile was conducted as a common slave to the chief city of Egypt. Here, it is true, he had an opportunity of seeing magnificence, which till now he was quite unacquainted with. But such sights must be better calculated to increase, than alleviate his misery. We may picture to ourselves the situation of the young man, without friend or protector, exposed in the common market place to the insults of the surrounding

rounding croud, and whose cruelty could do his brothers, who bet

The beauty of his person, of his deportment, of King Pharaoh's Potiphar. This man immediately purchased him at that term. Joseph who had hitherto entered upon his life as if viewed in a proper manner, the most illustrious personage, and abilities notwithstanding, but the confidence of the king was with him, and made him a favourite.

Indeed, whatever they are the most lik